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Army major says enemy capabilities not beneficial

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MISSOULA—Army Maj. Thomas C. O'Hara, a representative for the 6th Army Presidio in San Francisco, told an audience at the LDS Institute, 515 McLeod St., Wednesday that military capabilities of the Viet Cong "haven't been of any great benefit" to them in their quest for victory.

Speaking at the invitation of the University of Montana Army ROTC Department, Maj. O'Hara told Institute visitors that the North Vietnamese "are capable of launching wide-scale attacks throughout the country...but the Viet Cong have never won a major victory in Vietnam yet."

Maj. O'Hara also said that communications between enemy troops are good and that movement of supplies from North Vietnam to the south also is effective.

"But these enemy capabilities haven't been of any great benefit to accomplishment of his goals," the major added.

Maj. O'Hara said that, at times, news media tend to exaggerate the amount of damage done by the Viet Cong during enemy attacks.

"In some cases," the major added, "this has caused some unnecessary worry and alarm to U.S. citizens, especially the wives and families of servicemen."

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